

**To:** Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

**From:** Scott E. Holmes, REHS, MS, Manager, Environmental Public Health Division

**Date:** May 29, 2014

**Re:** Proposed Environmental Public Health Services Fee Changes for FY15/16 Budget

Please find attached a spreadsheet which identifies proposed changes to user fees charged for services provided by the Environmental Public Health Division to protect the public's health in Lincoln and Lancaster County. These fees were provided to the City of Lincoln Budget Office as part of the Health Department's budget proposal, but have not yet been approved by the Mayor's Office.

If these fees are incorporated into the Mayor's budget, specific amendments to County Resolutions and Lincoln Municipal Code would then have to be approved by the County Board and the City Council prior to implementation.

These fees will generate needed revenue for Environmental Public Health's mandated work. Most fees are proposed to be increased about 3%. This proposed small annual increase has been the preferred approach by regulated sources, businesses, and industries for years, in lieu of large increases every 5 to 10 years. These fees fund mandatory inspections, investigations, education, environmental monitoring, and technical assistance conducted by our professional staff.

Staff recommends approval of these proposed fees.
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